

**CLAIMS****What is claimed is:**

- 1                   1.       A protective cover for use with a locking device, said protective  
2       cover comprising:
  - 3                   a protective shroud sized to cover at least part of the locking device;
  - 4                   means to affix the protective shroud in place over the locking device; and
  - 5                   a hasp element to which the locking device engages under the protective  
6       cover, such that upon locking the locking device to the hasp element, the locking device  
7       can not be removed from the hasp element unless the locking device is unlocked.
- 1                   2.       A protective cover for use with a locking device, said protective  
2       cover comprising:
  - 3                   a protective shroud sized to cover at least part of the locking device;
  - 4                   a plurality of anchors attached to the protective shroud;
  - 5                   means to affix the protective shroud in place over the locking device; and
  - 6                   a hasp element to which the locking device engages under the protective  
7       cover, such that upon locking the locking device to the hasp element, the locking device  
8       can not be removed from the hasp element unless the locking device is unlocked.
- 1                   3.       The locking device protective cover, according to claim 1, wherein  
2       the protective shroud is made from stainless steel.
- 1                   4.       The locking device protective cover, according to claim 1, wherein  
2       the protective shroud is made from approximately quarter inch thick stainless steel.
- 1                   5.       The locking device protective cover, according to claim 1, wherein  
2       the plurality of anchors are each threaded bolts welded to the protective cover, and the  
3       affixing means are a plurality of nuts respectively threaded to engage the threaded bolts  
4       to mount the protective cover in place.

1                   6.     The locking device protective cover, according to claim 1, wherein  
2     the affixing means is an epoxy adhesive use to affix the plurality of anchors and  
3     protective cover in place.

1                   7.     The locking device protective cover, according to claim 1, wherein  
2     the locking device is a padlock having a pivoting shackle.

1                   8.     The locking device protective cover, according to claim 7, wherein  
2     the protective shroud covers at least the padlock pivoting shackle.

1                   9.     A protective cover system to shield locking devices, said locking  
2     devices used to secure access doors and access areas, said protective cover system  
3     comprising:

4                   a protective shroud attached to an access door, said access door preventing  
5     entry to an access area;

6                   an aperture formed in the access door under the protective shroud;

7                   a hasp element attached to the interior of the access area, said hasp  
8     element extending through the access door aperture; and

9                   a locking device lockable to the hasp element such that upon closing the  
10    access door and locking the locking device to the hasp element under the protective  
11    shroud, the locking device is at least partially covered by the protective shroud, the  
12    locking device can not be removed from the hasp element, and the access door can not be  
13    opened unless the locking device is unlocked.

1                   10.    The protective cover system, according to claim 9, wherein the  
2     protective shroud is made from ¼ inch stainless steel.

1                   11.    The protective cover system, according to claim 9, wherein the  
2     hasp element is made from ¼ inch stainless steel.

1                   12.    The protective cover system, according to claim 9, wherein the  
2     locking device is a padlock having a pivoting shackle.

1                   13.     The protective cover system, according to claim 12, wherein the  
2     hasp element has a notch into which the padlock shackle fits.

1                   14.     The protective cover system, according to claim 12, wherein the  
2     protective shroud covers at least the padlock shackle.

1                   15.     The protective cover system, according to claim 12, wherein the  
2     protective shroud covers the entire padlock.

1                   16.     A method of securing an access door and access area and shielding  
2     a locking device, said locking device being used to secure said access door and access  
3     area, said method comprising the steps of:

4                         affixing a protective shroud attached to the access door;

5                         forming an aperture in the access door in a location under the protective  
6     shroud;

7                         affixing a hasp element within the access area behind the access door,  
8     whereby said hasp element extends through the access door aperture; and

9                         after closing the access door, lockably engaging a locking device to the  
10    hasp element under the protective shroud, whereby the locking device is at least partially  
11    covered by the protective shroud, and the locking device can not be removed from the  
12    hasp element, and the access door can not be opened unless the locking device is  
13    unlocked.